



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks

Solid Waste Division

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Waste Reduction & Recycling Curriculum

Education Rewards Program for Middle and High Schools

The Zero in on Waste curriculum guides in science and social studies offer lessons that challenge students to think about the environment and how it is affected by the choices individuals, governments, and businesses make.

As an additional tool to schools and teachers using the Zero in on Waste curriculum and to reward their participation, the King County Solid Waste Division has created an education rewards program. Rewards are available at two levels.

- Schools -- \$100 for each eligible school
- Teachers -- Mini-grants in amounts up to \$500

School Vouchers

Any middle or high school in King County (outside of Seattle city limits) where the Zero in on Waste curriculum is being used is eligible to receive a \$100 voucher. The voucher can be used at the discretion of the principal to augment a teacher's lesson plan, enhance additional environmental-related lessons, or as a reward to the class with the most outstanding application of a curriculum-related lesson plan.

Teacher Mini-Grants

Teachers using the Zero in on Waste curriculum can apply for mini-grants to assist them in presenting a lesson. Grants can be requested in amounts up to \$500 and can be used for conducting a project, purchasing supplies/materials, or paying honoraria or speaker fees. Projects and lessons should relate to recycling, waste reduction, hazardous waste disposal and handling, or conservation of resources.

Other Important Information

- Awards are given on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Since investigative and communication skills as well as problem-solving are the focus of the curriculum guide lessons, these should be part of any project.
- Application forms will be accepted September 2002 through April 30, 2003. Teachers are expected to provide a brief written summary on the lesson taught or project completed and submit it by June 3, 2003.

For more information, please call Donna Miscolta at (206) 296-4477.



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School Voucher Registration Form

The school voucher funds are provided as a means to recognize and reward the efforts of teachers who actively use the Zero in on Waste curriculum to teach students about waste reduction and other environmental behaviors and issues. Each school can receive a \$100 voucher to use at the discretion of the school principal to augment a teacher's lesson plan, enhance additional environmental-related lessons or as a reward to the class with the most outstanding application of a curriculum-related lesson plan.

Middle and high schools in King County that are outside the Seattle city limits are eligible for this program.

To receive your school's designated \$100 voucher, please submit this completed form anytime from September 2002 through April 30, 2003 to:

Donna Miscolta
King County Solid Waste Division
201 S. Jackson Street, Suite 701
Seattle, WA 98104

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please describe the project you will augment or reward with this grant.

How does it relate to the Zero in on Waste curriculum?



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Teacher Mini-Grant

As part of the Zero in on Waste program, teachers are offered mini-grants of up to \$500 to augment lesson plans with videos, books, equipment, guest speakers, field trips, or other educational uses. Grants must be applied to lessons or projects related to waste-reduction, recycling, or other issues addressed in the Zero in on Waste curriculum.

Teachers currently teaching in middle and high schools in King County outside of the Seattle city limits are eligible to apply.

Mini-Grant Guidelines

The King County Solid Waste Division will fund as many projects as its annual resources allow. Please read the following guidelines thoroughly if you would like to apply for funding. All requests must comply with these guidelines.

- The maximum grant amount is \$500. If your proposed budget is more than the mini-grant amount, include how you will obtain the remainder of the money.
- Grants may be used for conducting a project, for purchase of materials, field trips, honoraria or speaker fees, or other educational costs to be specified by the applicant for approval by the King County Solid Waste Division.
- By submitting the application, you give permission to the County to share the proposal with others. The proposal will not be returned.
- Each grant recipient will be responsible for preparing a brief final report on the project completed or the lesson taught. Reports must be completed by June 3, 2003. King County may reproduce, compile, and make available these reports to other educators on request.

All projects/lessons must:

- Relate to the Zero in on Waste curriculum.
- Be completed during the 2002-03 school year.

Selection of Recipients

- Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Applications will be accepted from September 2002 through April 30, 2003.
- The King County Solid Waste Division reserves the right to approve, deny, or negotiate the scope of any project.



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School: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Class this grant will be used for: _____

Please give a brief description of the specific lesson plan or project you wish to apply these funds to:

How does this plan relate to waste reduction or resource conservation?

How do you propose to use these funds?

How many students will be involved or affected by this project or lesson? How will they be involved?

What product or outcome do you expect from this project or lesson?

Teacher's Signature: _____

School Principal's Name: _____

Principal's Signature: _____

Date: _____